



### Two Disciples at Bossey

Two American Disciples and their wives are now attending the 7th session of the Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies at the World Council's Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, Switzerland. The two men are Professor John Wesley Boosinger, Associate Professor, Student Counselor, and Academic Administrative Assistant at Northwest Christian College in Eugene, Oregon, and Mr. Frederick I. Murphy, a student at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Participation in the Graduate School by these two men was made possible through the ecumenical scholarship program of the Council on Christian Unity.

Professor Boosinger is the second recipient of an annual scholarship for Disciple ministers and laymen, financed by the Irwin-Sweeney-Miller Foundation of Columbus, Indiana. Prof. Boosinger, who is 40 years of age, holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from Phillips University at Enid, Oklahoma, and a Ph.D. degree from the Graduate Seminary at Phillips. While serving at Northwest Christian College, he is doing some advanced work in student counseling and academic testing at the University of Oregon.

During his work at Phillips, Mr. Boosinger served as a student minister in Kiowa, Kansas. Since his graduation from seminary, he has served as the minister of First Christian Church in Bunnyside, Washington and of the Christian Church in Forest Grove, Oregon. Professor Boosinger has served on the faculty at Northwest Christian College since September 1954.

Mrs. Boosinger is a graduate of Northwest Christian College and has done additional work at Phillips University and at the University of Oregon. She is also a Weekday Bible Teacher in Eugene.

Mr. Murphy is the third recipient of an annual scholarship for seminary students. Funds for this scholarship are provided on a rotating basis by

### UNITY CONSULTATIONS SCHEDULED

A series of 10 area unity consultations have been scheduled for the next six months. The purpose of the consultations is to consider the main ecumenical issues now before Disciples, or likely to be in the next few years, in order to project principles and alternatives for action, thought, and study.

Disciple seminaries, or in some areas, colleges, and regional secretaries have taken responsibility for selecting participants, securing accommodations, planning the agenda, appointing speakers and study leaders, conducting the consultations and providing reports and liaison for followup. Participants are selected on the basis of their possible contribution to this study. The majority of participants will be pastors and professors, but representative laymen, women, and youth will be included.

The consultations are sponsored jointly by the Division of World Mission (UCMS), the Division of Home Missions (UCMS), and the Council on Christian Unity, together with the various regional institutions.

Some of the questions for which the consultations will seek answers are:

1. What are the important current developments in the ecumenical movement and what is their meaning in redemption-history?
2. What is the case for unity and the thrust behind it, and how should this be articulated in contemporary theological language?
3. What is the unity Disciples hope for (cooperation? "spiritual"? organic?)? What are its implications for our present structures, practices, and relationships?
4. What basic principles should guide us in conversing with other communions about possible unions?
5. What is our mission beyond North America? What basic principles should underlie our relations with indigenous ancient churches, union movements of the younger churches, our own mission churches?

A preparatory study document, *Issues In Unity*, has been published by the Council on Christian Unity for use by participants in the consultations. It consists of four papers written at the request of the sponsoring bodies:

1. "The Imperative for Unity—A Re-Statement," by Dr. Langdon B. Gilkey, Professor of Theology at The Divinity School, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.
2. "The Disciples' Hope for Christian Unity," by Dr. Walter W. Sikes, Professor of Philosophy of Religion and Christian Ethics, Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana.
3. "Specific Issues in Church Merger," by Dr. W. B. Blakemore, Dean of the Disciples Divinity House and Professor of Practical Theology, The Federated Theological Faculty, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.
4. "Disciples' Witness and Involvements Abroad," by Joseph M. Smith, Professor of Missions; Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana.

#### Schedule of Consultations

##### Enid, Oklahoma

The Graduate Seminary of Phillips University—Nov. 11-12, 1958. For Oklahoma, Arkansas, Southern Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming.—Dean Stephen J. England, convenor.

##### Chicago, Illinois

The Disciples Divinity House, Chicago—Nov. 18-20, 1958. For Illinois and Wisconsin.—Dean W. B. Blakemore, convenor.



## ANNUAL MEETING—COUNCIL ON CHRISTIAN UNITY

Mark Twain Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.

12:20 P. M., October 18, 1958

W. J. JARMAN, Presiding

The annual meeting of the members of the Council on Christian Unity was held at the Mark Twain Hotel in St. Louis with the president, W. J. Jarman, presiding. A total of 264 members, friends and guests were present.

The invocation was given by Charles Clayton Morrison.

Minutes of the previous meeting, circulated to members by mail, were approved.

**Annual Report and Unity Resolutions:** The executive secretary, George Walker Buckner, presented the annual report and unity resolutions as they appear in the Convention Program Book and September *Newsletter*. On behalf of the executive committee, Dr. Buckner moved that the annual report and unity resolutions be approved and referred to the Committee on Recommendations of the International Convention. The motion was approved.

**Changes in Constitution and By-Laws:** The associate executive secretary, Robert Tobias, reported on proposed changes in the constitution and by-laws. It was voted that the following change in the constitution concerning term of membership be approved:

*The provisional Article of Incorporation read:*

"The term of membership of the incorporators and original subscribers and all new members thereafter elected, subject to the limitations hereinafter made, shall be for a period of 3 years, at which time such membership shall automatically cease, unless such member is re-elected for an additional term, and members shall be eligible for re-election without limitation. No member shall have a right to hold more than one membership in this corporation. The incorporators and subscribers and original members of this corporation shall be divided by a vote of the members into three substantially equal groups. One group shall hold their membership for one year; one group for two years; and one group for three years, and thereafter there shall be substantially one-third of the members elected each year at the annual meeting of members to serve for a period of three years. When a new member is elected the members in their election shall designate whether it is for one, two or three years, to the end that the number of members to be elected each year will continue to be substantially equal."

*Proposed new reading:*

"The term of membership of the incorporators and original subscribers and all new members thereafter elected, shall be automatically perpetuated from year to year, subject to payment of dues and continued fulfilment of the qualifications set forth for acceptance into membership in this corporation."

Dr. Tobias then asked the members to note changes in by-laws which had been approved by the Board of Directors and on which no action by the members was needed.

**Election of New Members:** On behalf of the Executive Committee Dr. Tobias submitted the names of those who have applied for membership during the past year, with the recommendation that they be accepted into membership in the Council. It was voted that these people be approved for membership. (See page 3.)

**Election of Directors:** The nominating committee, comprised of Harlie L. Smith, Chairman, Irvin E. Lunger and James H. Welsh, submitted the following names for election to membership on the Board of Directors; and one name for Honorary Life Commissioner:

*Terms expiring in 1961:*

Myron C. Cole, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Mrs. Charles W. Goodwin, Los Angeles, California  
Ira W. Langston, Eureka, Illinois  
Corl A. Leach, Colombia, Missouri  
Oliver W. McCully, Toronto, Canada  
Jo M. Riley, Wilson, North Carolina  
Earl W. Scarbeary, Paris, Illinois  
Harlie L. Smith, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Mrs. Russell Putnam, Cleveland, Ohio  
Granville T. Walker, Ft. Worth, Texas  
W. A. Welsh, Dallas, Texas

*Term expiring in 1960:*

Donald Salmon, Seattle, Washington

*Term expiring in 1959:*

Gaines M. Cook, Indianapolis, Indiana

*As Honorary Life Commissioner:*

G. Edwin Osborn, Enid, Oklahoma

It was voted that the report of the Nominating Committee be approved and these persons be elected for office as specified.

**Introduction of Guests:** Dr. Walter Sikes introduced Professor Elmer Arndt, Co-Chairman of the United Church's Commission Drafting a Statement of Faith. Dr. Donald West introduced two guests from the United Church of Christ in Japan: Dr. Ota and Dr. Fairfield. Dr. Tobias introduced Professor and Mrs. Carl Schneider of Eden Seminary. Dr. Buckner introduced Mr. and Mrs. John Short of Manchester, England, Fraternal delegates. Mr. Elbert Starn introduced O. Walter Wagner, Ecumenical-Minister of the Metropolitan Church Federation of St. Louis, whose letter of welcome appears in the Convention Program Book.

Expressions of appreciation were given by the chairman for the staff of the Council in Indianapolis offices: Mrs. Jean Craig, Mrs. Elizabeth Burke, Robert Heckard, George Walker Buckner, Robert Tobias, and Evelyn Honeywell.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. Robert Bilheimer, Associate General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland. He spoke on "Christian Unity: Achievements, Problems, and Hopes."

The benediction was pronounced by Roger Nooe.

EVELYN HONEYWELL, Assistant Secretary.



ANNUAL MEETING—BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark Twain Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.  
7:30 A. M., October 19, 1958

The annual session of the Board of Directors was called for a breakfast meeting with the president, W. J. Jarman presiding. The following persons were present:

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Hampton Adams   | Mrs. Russell Putnam   |
| W. K. Fox       | James H. Welsh        |
| Warren Grafton  | W. A. Welsh           |
| Joseph Hunter   | W. E. Garrison        |
| W. J. Jarman    | Homer Carpenter       |
| Loren E. Lair   | Robert Tobias         |
| Irvin E. Lunger | George Walker Buckner |
| Jo M. Riley     | Miss Evelyn Honeywell |
| Earl Scarbeary  | Walter Sikes, guest   |
| H. L. Smith     |                       |

Invocation—W. J. Jarman.

Minutes of the previous meeting in Cleveland were approved.

Dr. Hampton Adams presented a trowel which was given to him for the Disciples on the occasion of the corner-stone laying of the new Interchurch Office Building in New York City. It was agreed that the trowel should be presented to the International Convention for housing in the Disciples of Christ Historical Society building.

Election of Officers: The nominating committee, comprised of Mrs. John Brodman, Dr. Riley B. Montgomery, and Dr. Myron C. Cole, presented the following names for selection by the Board of Directors:

- \*President, Wm. Jackson Jarman
- \*1st Vice-President, Irvin E. Lunger
- \*2nd Vice-President, Loren E. Lair
- \*Secretary, George Walker Buckner
- \*Treasurer, Harlie L. Smith
- Asst.-Secretary, Evelyn Honeywell
- Asst.-Treasurer, Evelyn Honeywell

\* Officers thus indicated, together with the executive heads of the International Convention, United Christian Missionary Society and Board of Education constitute the Executive Committee.

It was voted that the report of the nominating committee be accepted and that these persons be elected as officers for the next year

Relations with the United Church of Christ: Dr. Walter Sikes, Fraternal Observer to the United Church's Commission Drafting a Statement of Faith, was called upon to report on discussions with leaders in the United Church of Christ. Discussion followed his presentation. Dr. Tobias then presented a summary statement of developments in relations with the United Church of Christ since 1910.

Change in By-Laws: The following change in wording of Article III having to do with Election of Officers was presented:

Article III. Election of Officers.

1. *Directors* (Proposed new reading in italics): Directors shall be elected by the Council at the Annual Meeting of the Council. They shall be elected for terms of three years, except for the first year when eleven (11) directors shall be elected on year terms; eleven (11) for two-year terms; and eleven (11) for three-year terms. In the election of directors attention shall be given to adequate representation of the areas of work and interests of the total Brotherhood. Four of the directors shall be the chief executive officers of the Board of Higher Education, The Committee on Relief Appeals, the International Convention, and the United Christian Missionary Society providing they are members in good standing of the Council and that they are not prohibited from such office by the regulations of their respective agencies.

James Welsh moved approval of the change in by-laws and Dr. Adams seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Dr. Garrison gave the closing prayer.

EVELYN HONEYWELL,  
Assistant Secretary,

Application for Membership  
COUNCIL ON CHRISTIAN UNITY

An association of Disciples of Christ for the promotion of Christian unity, for ecumenical study and service

222 SOUTH DOWNEY AVENUE

INDIANAPOLIS 7, INDIANA

Being in sympathy with the purpose of the Council on Christian Unity as set forth in its charter (over) and desiring to further its work by active participation in its program and witness, I hereby apply for membership in the Council and enclose \$..... for ..... year(s) membership.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Member .....              | \$ 3.00 | Minister (local church) .....         | <input type="checkbox"/>             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Contributing Member ..... | 10.00   | Minister (general work) .....         | <input type="checkbox"/>             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Sustaining Member .....   | 50.00   | Student..... <input type="checkbox"/> | Layman..... <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Patron Member .....       | 500.00  | Name.....                             |                                      |

Address.....  
Church.....

Date.....



## Unity Consultations

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### Lynchburg, Virginia

Lynchburg, College—Jan. 5-7, 1959. For New England and Capitol Areas, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida.—Pres. Orville W. Wake, convenor.

### Indianapolis, Indiana

Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis—Jan. 12-14, 1959. For Indiana, Michigan, North Ohio, Pennsylvania.—Pres. O. L. Shelton, convenor.

### Toronto, Canada

Christian Foundation Lectures and Unity Consultation—Jan. 20-23, 1959. For Canada.—Dr. Oliver W. McCully, convenor.

### Fort Worth, Texas

Brite College of the Bible, Texas Christian University—February 15-16, 1959. For Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico.—Dean Elmer Henson, convenor.

### Des Moines, Iowa

The Divinity School, Drake University—Feb. 16-18, 1959. For Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, North Missouri.—Dr. Loren E. Lair, convenor.

### Southern California

Christian Missionary Society of Southern California—March 10-11, 1959. For Southern California, Arizona.—Mr. James Parrott, convenor.

### Eugene, Oregon

Northwest Christian College—April 14-15, 1959. For Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Utah.—Pres. Ross Griffith, convenor.

### Lexington, Kentucky

The College of the Bible—April 7-10, 1959. For Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, West Virginia, Southern Ohio.—Pres. Riley B. Montgomery, convenor.

## Ecumenical Service Projects

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### Committee on Relief Appeals

For emergencies .....\$ 5,000.00

### Disciple Fraternal Workers

Harry Partin (Geneva, ecumenical studies) .....

James Wyker (East Pakistan, rural rehabilitation) .....

William J. Nottingham (France, Associate Director of CIMADE) .....

Other appointments under consideration .....

Total Disciple Fraternal Workers .....\$ 27,045.00

Total all projects .....\$165,745.00

## Purpose of the Council

The purpose of the Council is "to watch for every indication of Christian unity, to initiate steps for Christian union, and to hasten the time of its fulfilment through intercessory prayer, friendly conferences, study of pertinent issues, publication and distribution of literature, prophetic witness to the will of Christ for His Church and the practice of love, fellowship and mutual service among Christians. The Council shall give particular attention to the development and nurture of an ecumenical spirit among Disciples of Christ."

## New Council Members

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Mr. A. E. Webb, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.  
Mr. Clifford Parker, Lubbock, Texas.  
Mr. Wayne H. Bell, Richmond, Virginia.  
Mr. Daniel E. Kechel, Albion, Iowa.  
Mr. Robert M. Platt, Dawson Springs, Ky.  
Dr. R. H. Miller, Sr., Cleveland, Ohio.  
Mr. Releigh J. Peterson, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.  
Mrs. Richard L. Craig, Indianapolis, Indiana.  
Mr. James H. Ellerbrook, Franklin, Indiana.  
Mr. Morgan Sly, Minneapolis, Minnesota.  
Mr. James E. Kohls, Plainfield, Indiana.  
Mr. James M. Gall, Ashland, Kansas.  
Mrs. George H. Dungan, Urbana, Illinois.  
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Mr. David L. Timmerman, Atlanta, Georgia.  
Mr. Blaine Hyten, Kansas City, Missouri.  
Mr. R. R. Wood, Temple City, California.  
Mr. LeRoy O. Castle, Mesquite, Texas.  
Mr. Philip N. Hollenbeck, Schneectady, N. Y.  
Mr. Darrell F. Joachim, DeLand, Florida.  
Mr. Bruce H. Rolstad, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Mr. Harry E. Curl, Coleman, Texas.  
Mr. Richard J. Berkey, Winamac, Indiana.  
Mrs. Mildred Bobo, San Gabriel, California.  
Dr. Pat Henry, Dallas, Texas.  
Mr. E. H. Wyle, Jr., Lexington, Missouri.  
Mrs. A. E. Sanderson, Winter Haven, Florida.  
Mr. N. R. Stacey, Woodward, Oklahoma.  
Mr. Dan C. Kenner, Little Rock, Arkansas.  
Mrs. Lee A. Somers, Champaign, Illinois.  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Shirley, Urbana, Illinois.  
Mr. and Mrs. Julian Wallace, Champaign, Illinois.  
Miss Gertrude Dimke, Indianapolis, Indiana.  
Mr. Walter A. Davis, Black Mountain, North Carolina.  
Mr. Kenneth Eugene Davis, Champaign, Ill.  
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cheesman, Champaign, Illinois.  
Mr. Paul B. Givens, Newport News, Virginia.  
Mr. D. Wright Lunsford, Indianapolis, Ind.  
Mr. Bruce B. Matthews, Centerville, Iowa.  
Mr. and Mrs. James H. Behler, Indpls., Ind.  
Mr. D. J. Root, Enid, Oklahoma.  
Dr. Dean Newton, Champaign, Illinois.  
Mr. Carl Colvin, Champaign, Illinois.  
Dr. Gerald Berneking, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
Miss Margaret Lawrence, Indianapolis, Ind.  
Mr. Myron W. Chrisman, San Antonio, Texas.  
Mr. E. W. Gearhart, Alvin, Texas.  
Mr. Arthur J. Skelton, Champaign, Illinois.  
Mr. A. M. Pennybacker, Youngstown, Ohio.  
Mr. William C. Newman, Mansfield, Ohio.  
Mr. Robert E. Pebley, Spencer, Indiana.

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## Membership Responsibilities and Privileges

- 1) Participation in policies and decisions through the Annual Meeting.
- 2) Promotion of Christian unity locally.
- 3) Participation in the on-going study program of the Council.
- 4) Subscription to: *Christian Unity Newsletter* (quarterly)  
*Ecumenical Studies Series* (quarterly).
- 5) Receive other materials published or distributed by the Council, such as: "To Together," Ecumenical Book Shelf, Pentecost materials, Leaflet for "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity."



## ECUMENICAL SERVICE PROJECTS IN WEEK OF COMPASSION

Ecumenical service projects totaling \$165,745 have been recommended by the Department of Ecumenical Service for inclusion in the 1959 Week of Compassion offering. The proposed projects, coming out of consultations with World Council staff and representatives of churches in the areas concerned, have been carefully considered by world church leaders who met in a World Consultation of Inter-Church Aid in June, 1958. Further information about the projects will be included in Week of Compassion materials now being prepared.

In addition to these projects, provision will be made in Week of Compassion for Disciple support of the ecumenical service projects of the World Council's Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees. These projects include refugee services, youth work camps, ecumenical scholarships, literature and medicines principally for East Europe, East Asia office, and Geneva staff and travel.

### World Council of Churches

Central Budget (marked "Evangelism and Youth." To supplement gifts from local congregations) .....	\$ 10,000.00
Ecumenical Institute and Unity Projects .....	7,000.00
Youth Department Projects .....	3,000.00
Division of Studies (for Rapid Social Change Study) .....	5,000.00
<b>Total World Council of Churches .....</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>

### European Churches

Poland (re-equipping church institutions, relief for church workers, publications) .....	\$ 4,000.00
East Germany (church welfare, medicines, Christian education) .....	2,000.00
Portugal (Protestant institutes, literature) .....	1,500.00
France (foreign student center) .....	1,000.00
Italy (religious liberty bureau) .....	500.00
<b>Total European Churches .....</b>	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>

### Near East, Orthodox and Ancient Churches

Greece (rebuilding, deaconess training, agricultural team) .....	\$ 12,000.00
Yugoslavia (seminary relief and equipment, publications) .....	4,000.00
Finland (Orthodox Folk High School) .....	5,000.00
Orthodox in France (training leaders) .....	1,000.00
Near East (training Orthodox and Coptic leaders, emergency relief)....	7,500.00
Egypt (Coptic renewal program) .....	1,000.00
<b>Total Near East, Orthodox and Ancient Churches .....</b>	<b>\$ 31,000.00</b>

### Asia and Africa

Burma (school for deaf and dumb children) .....	\$ 2,000.00
Ceylon (student chapel and ministry) .....	1,000.00
Hong Kong (self-work aid, emergency relief for refugees) .....	6,000.00
India (T. B. prevention and cure, famine relief and rehabilitation) ....	13,200.00
Indonesia (Java war refugees) .....	5,000.00
Malaya and Singapore (leader training for refugee "new villages")....	12,000.00
East Pakistan (flood and drought rehabilitation) .....	5,000.00
West Pakistan (T. B. cure and control) .....	10,000.00
Algeria (CIMADE community development) .....	1,000.00
Kenya (conference and leader training center) .....	5,000.00
Nigeria (student ministry) .....	1,000.00
North Rhodesia (training and research center) .....	5,000.00
Ecumenical Team Committee (emergency teams) .....	2,500.00
<b>Total Asia and Africa .....</b>	<b>\$ 68,700.00</b>

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## New Council Members

At the annual meeting of the Council on Christian Unity in St. Louis on October 10, 1958, the following people were accepted as new members of the Council:

Mr. Carlyle V. Barnard, Rosendale, Missouri.  
 Mr. Charles H. Bayer, Washington 12, D. C.  
 Mrs. James R. Beach, Macon, Georgia.  
 Mr. Robert T. Beck, Fort Wayne, Indiana.  
 Mr. Jonas M. Berkey, Anchorage, Kentucky.  
 Mr. William H. Bradley, Anadarko, Okla.  
 Mr. Glenn Brigrman, Corpus Christi, Texas.  
 Mr. Ralph E. Burnett, Alexandria, Virginia.  
 Mr. Merrill L. Caldwell, Warren, Ohio.  
 Mr. H. M. Cole, Waynetown, Indiana.  
 Miss Ruby E. Craddock, Hopkinsville, Ky.  
 Mr. W. Harold Edds, Indianapolis, Indiana.  
 Mr. Sam F. Freeman, Winchester, Kentucky.  
 Mr. Russell M. Fuller, Ann Arbor, Michigan.  
 Mr. Howard Goodrich, Jr., Fountaintown, Ind.  
 Mr. William D. Hall, Fort Worth 9, Texas.  
 Mr. Robert Heckard, Indianapolis, Indiana.  
 Mr. Frank G. Helme, Rushville, Indiana.  
 Mr. T. W. Jolly, Galesburg, Illinois.  
 Mr. Bruce L. Jones, Concord, California.  
 Mr. J. Daniel Joyce, Richmond, Virginia.  
 Dr. Leslie L. Kingsbury, Manhattan, Kansas.  
 Chaplain Edwin L. Kirtley, Colorado Springs, Colorado.  
 Miss Betty Klopolsky, South Bend, Indiana.  
 Mr. Kenneth A. Kuntz, Hannibal, Missouri.  
 Mr. Virgil E. Lowder, Houston, Texas.  
 Mr. Win R. Matsler, La Cruces, New Mexico.  
 Mr. LeRoy McReynolds, Joplin, Missouri.  
 Mr. Daniel B. Merrick, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 Mr. Fred A. Miller, Ada, Oklahoma.  
 Mr. Donald G. Pelsue, St. Joseph, Missouri.  
 Mr. Chauncey R. Piety, Girard, Illinois.  
 Mr. Joe Porterfield, Waynesboro, Pa.  
 Miss Juanita Purvis, New York, New York.  
 Mr. Lester B. Rickman, Jefferson City, Mo.  
 Miss Gladys Ruyle, Detroit, Michigan.  
 Mrs. A. W. Savage, Coggon, Iowa.  
 Mr. J. Rex Smith, Temple City, California.  
 Mr. William M. Smith, Indianapolis, Indiana.  
 Mr. Archie K. Stevenson, Austin, Texas.  
 Mr. Frazer A. Thomson, Des Moines, Iowa.  
 Mr. Adelbert H. Tisdell, Washington, D. C.  
 Mr. R. E. Weed, Leadville, Colorado.  
 Mr. Austin M. Warner, New York, New York.  
 Mr. Joseph Ray White, San Diego, California.  
 Mr. Darrell K. Wolfe, St. Louis, Missouri.  
 Mrs. Hermon Burke, Indianapolis, Indiana.  
 Mr. J. G. Thompson, Lexington, Kentucky.  
 Mr. George S. Green, Bainbridge, Indiana.  
 Dr. Willard M. Wickizer, Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Mr. Jo M. Riley, Wilson, North Carolina.  
 Mr. Robert Dady, Richmond, Virginia.  
 Mr. Paul M. Bolman, St. Louis, Missouri.  
 Mr. Robert M. Platt, Dawson Springs, Ky.  
 Mr. Robert L. Bromley, Havana, Illinois.  
 Mr. Seth W. Slaughter, Columbia, Missouri.  
 Mr. Halsey E. Wakelin, Jefferson, Iowa.  
 Prof. Walter W. Sikes, Indianapolis, Indiana.  
 Mr. Loren E. Williams, Fort Worth, Texas.  
 Mr. Roy Hulan, Jackson, Mississippi.  
 Mr. John Phelps, Dover, Tennessee.  
 Mr. Earl W. Scarbeary, Paris, Illinois.  
 Mr. Harry Purviance, Sedalia, Missouri.  
 Miss Vivian Reno, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.  
 Mr. Roy Blalock, Canton, Missouri.  
 Mr. Robert R. Allen, Blue Springs, Missouri.  
 Mr. Huell Warren, Kennett, Missouri.  
 Mr. Don Tegarden, Palestine, Illinois.  
 Mr. Christopher T. Garriott, Homewood, Ill.  
 Mr. George H. McLain, Peoria, Illinois.  
 Prof. Ralph G. Wilburn, Lexington, Kentucky.  
 Mr. J. Kent Borggaard, Pleasantville, Iowa.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Kucks, Canoga Park, California.  
 Mr. Roy Aaland, Turlock, California.  
 Mrs. John T. FitzGerald, San Francisco, Calif.  
 Mr. Robert L. Bond, Belleville, Illinois.  
 Mr. Chester L. Land, Independence, Kentucky.  
 Mr. G. L. Weidman, East Orange, New Jersey.

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## DISCIPLE STUDY COMMISSIONS BEGIN WORK

Three new Disciples study commissions held their first meetings last month during the International Convention in St. Louis and launched their programs of work.

### Biblical Theology

The Commission on Biblical Theology, sponsored by the Council on Christian Unity, began its work by delineating several areas for study and by assigning individuals to draft papers in each area for consideration at a meeting shortly after Easter.

The topics for initial study are:

1. Some ultimate questions in Biblical theology.
2. Biblical theology seen in a historical context.
3. Alexander Campbell's view of the Bible.
4. Disciples' concepts of the Bible from Campbell to the present.
5. Concept of the Bible in present Disciples' thought.
6. Biblical Theology in Europe today.
7. Problems in pastoral responsibility as regards Biblical theology.

Members of this commission are:

Professor William Reed, chairman  
Dr. Robert Tobias, ex-officio  
Prof. James Clague  
Prof. Ralph Wilburn  
Prof. Ronald Osborn  
Rev. Daniel Joyce  
Rev. Paul Stauffer  
Rev. John Thompson  
Rev. Haward Wakelin  
Prof. Robert Horn  
Prof. Glen Rose  
Prof. H. Jackson Forstman  
Prof. Barton A. Dowdy  
Prof. Richard Pope  
Rev. Hunter Beckelhymer  
Prof. William Baird  
Dean Gustave Ferre

### Rapid Social Change

The Commission on Rapid Social Change, jointly sponsored by the Council on Christian Unity and the Department of Social Welfare of the United Society, began a program of study related to the World Council of Churches' study on "The Common Christian Responsibility Toward Areas of Rapid Social Change." Dr. Robert Bilheimer, Associate General Secretary of the World Council, was present at this first meeting to inform the Commission on

the world-wide program of study on this topic.

In projecting the first stages of its work the Commission outlined four areas of study, each to be undertaken by a small working group:

1. Study of the World Council materials and the progress of this study in other lands.
2. Study of the National Council materials and studies in this area.
3. Study of Disciple material and actions related to Rapid Social Change.
4. Taking of a sample poll of local Disciple Churches to determine attitudes towards change and some of the particular changes presently taking place.

The Commission will be exchanging materials with the World Council and some of its area study commissions, and will submit its own reports to the World Council for possible use in other studies. A second meeting of the Commission is tentatively scheduled for August, 1959. Members of this Commission are:

Dr. Walter Sikes, Director  
Dr. Robert Tobias, ex-officio  
Mr. Barton Hunter, ex-officio  
Mr. William H. Book, Jr.  
Dr. William Vivrett  
Dr. Harold E. Fey  
Prof. Langdon B. Gilkey  
Mr. J. Irwin Miller  
Dr. Robert Fangmeier  
Prof. Joseph M. Smith  
Dr. Sam Kincheloe  
Dr. Virgil Sly  
Dr. Clinton Bradshaw  
Prof. Lawrence Lew  
Dr. John Harms

### Theology of Missions

The Commission on the Theology of Missions, jointly sponsored by the Council on Christian Unity and the Division of World Mission of the United Society, began its work with a delineation of the issues involved in a theology of missions and moved on to project plans for the first stage of its study.

This first stage calls for study to be given to four major areas:

1. The authority and urgency of evangelism (mission);
2. The meaning of the Biblical concept of the "ends of the earth";

3. Historic reflections of Disciples concerning a theology of missions—a survey of documents and action;
4. A critical analysis of the theological implications in the United Society's "Strategy of Missions."

Each of these areas is to be studied by a small group, which will prepare a paper to be presented to the whole Commission. The next meeting of the Commission will possibly be a three or four day consultation sometime in the summer of 1959.

Members of this Commission are:

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### Two Disciples at Bossey

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Disciple seminaries. This year's scholarship was given by Christian Theological Seminary, where Mr. Murphy is a student.

Mr. Murphy, who is 25 years of age, received his B. A. degree from Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana and has completed two years work on his B.D. at Christian Theological Seminary. While doing his seminary work, Mr. Murphy is serving as Director of Christian Education at Linwood Christian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mrs. Murphy is also a graduate of Butler University.

Both of the scholarships received by these men are for the purpose of helping to prepare younger Disciples for ecumenical churchmanship through study and experience in an ecumenical setting.